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# The Elba Clipper

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## CITIZENS ALERTED TO RASH OF RECENT BURGLARIES

### New Brockton seeks emergency medical services

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

Two of the main topics of discussion in Monday evening's meeting of the New Brockton Town Council centered around emergency medical services and the recent increase in burglaries within the town.

Several members of the council expressed their concern over the lack of adequate emergency medical service for the residents of the town and the surrounding area.

The New Brockton Rescue Squad ceased operation earlier this year leaving the town and local area without any immediate response to medical emergencies such as automobile accidents, heart attacks, life-threatening illnesses, etc.

Mayor Britt Lee told council members that a meeting of city and county officials with local legislators Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer has been scheduled for 2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16, to discuss the emergency services problem.

The meeting is to be held at the Elba Elementary School, and also in attendance will be representatives for the Coffee County Emergency Management Agency.

Councilman Ron McMonagle, in discussing the matter further, noted

that a local ambulance service - Coffee County EMS based in Elba - had approached them about providing emergency medical services to the town. They basically proposed providing the service for "basically what we (the town) were paying our own rescue squad - fuel and insurance cost."

"This meeting that takes place on Dec. 16 may not resolve this issue of whether or not we have ambulance service coverage here," said McMonagle.

"What I'm suggesting is that we go ahead and sign some type of temporary contract, like Elba did, with some rescue squad for a designated amount of time to make sure we do have coverage under the 911 system until all this coordination, funding and where this money is going to come from actually takes place. Because right now, the Town of New Brockton does not have coverage," continued McMonagle.

He added, "I think it is unfair to our citizens in this town to be without coverage when we have the capability at the existing budget level to have 911 coverage."

After several minutes of discussion, the council agreed unanimously to a motion by McMonagle and seconded by Councilman Charles

Cole giving Mayor Lee the authority to negotiate a contract with Coffee County EMS to provide emergency medical service to the New Brockton area for a specified time (six months).

On the area of coverage, McMonagle commented that, "We would like for it to be no less than the police jurisdiction limits of New Brockton with preferably the old existing coverage of the rescue squad being included."

Turning to other business, McMonagle noted that members of the council and concerned citizens of the community recently met and agreed to work closely with the police department in helping to stop the recent rash of burglaries.

Citizens are urged to be aware and alert for anyone who may act suspicious. Also, anyone having any information that could help in the investigation of recent burglaries should contact the police department.

As preventative measures, anyone planning to be away from their residence for an extended length should notify the police to that fact, and alert their neighbors to be watchful for anyone suspicious on or around their property.

Residents, especially senior citi-

zens, are urged to keep all doors, windows, buildings, and cars locked. They should never open the door for someone they do not know.

Members of the council agreed to spearhead the organization of a neighborhood crime watch program throughout the town.

Finally, Police Chief Charles Driggers reported that during the past month, his department had investigated ten complaints, made four arrests, issued thirteen citations, and investigated four traffic accidents with no injuries. He reported that the fire department responded to two fires, and thirteen stray dogs had been collected and taken to the pound in Elba.

Other actions taken by the council consisted of the following:

- Voted to advertise for bids on a cab and chassis ('97 or later year model) for the street department. Signed sealed bids will be opened at the next council meeting on Jan. 3, 2000.

- Agreed to contract with an Enterprise firm in handling discarded tires (no large truck tires) collected in the town. The town will pay \$1 per tire for their disposition with a one-time collection within the town's city limits. Future collection costs will be passed on to the residents.

- Approved a one-time pay raise of \$50 for full-time employees and \$25 for part-time employees.

- Voted to give employees a 2 percent cost-of-living raise starting with the first pay period in January 2000.

- Designated Friday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 31, as Christmas and New Year's holidays respectively.

- Mayor reminded department heads of the precautions being taken for Y2K on Dec. 31.

- Approved payment of monthly bills totaling \$19,352.59.



**EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT** ..... received by New Brockton Elementary School, Coffee County's Legislative Delegation. Sen. Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer delivered a \$1,500 check to the school to be used in furnishing a family conference center. Lynn Baker, guidance counselor at NBES, said that the funds will be used to purchase furniture ("big people furniture") to be placed in a conference room where meetings between parents and teachers can be held to discuss the academic progress of children. "This will allow the parents and teachers to meet privately in comfortable surroundings for their discussions," said Baker. Pictured above for the check presentation are (l-r): Sen. Holley, Dr. Linda Ingram, Lynn Baker (representing Dr. Irma Townsend, principal of NBES), and Rep. Spicer.

### Elba businessman Daniel Stephens takes part in NFIB small business summit

Coffee County was represented at a recent National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) sponsored small business summit held in Montgomery.

Daniel B. Stephens, president of EDCO Fasteners, Inc. based in Elba, took his small business concerns to the state capitol on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 1999, as a delegate in the first-ever Alabama Small Business Summit. In all, more than 100 small business owners from across the state converged

on the capitol to voice their problems and priorities.

"Tax reform is a top priority," said Stephens. "Elba is a small community with small businesses impacted by the state tax system. Affordable health care is also a top issue."

Stephens, who was nominated as a delegate by State Senator Jimmy W. Holley (District 31), volunteered his time to speak out for fellow business owners in this grassroots movement.

Convened by the Alabama office of the NFIB and a number of other groups, the first-ever Small Business Summit gave independent business owners the opportunity to suggest legislative initiatives to improve the state's small-business climate. The day-long summit included four workshops on tort reform, business laws, state taxes, and health insurance. There was also a luncheon featuring Dr. Ed Richardson, state superintendent of education, as one of six panelists addressing the topic of educating the small business workforce for 2000.

"Elected officials often talk about the importance of small business to our state's economy, but they may not understand what it takes to create a better environment for businesses to thrive and grow," says NFIB Alabama State Director Phyllis Kennedy. "The only people

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### Bowers' \$1 million lawsuit verdict overturned by state's high court

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The \$1 million awarded a Coffee County couple in a lawsuit against Wal-Mart has been overturned by the Alabama Supreme Court. The 7-2 decision was handed down last Friday.

Tony and Ann Bowers of Elba had filed suit against the Enterprise Wal-Mart Supercenter claiming negligence on the part of the store in servicing their 1993 Cadillac DeVille. They claimed that an engine fire resulted after the vehicle had been taken to the Supercenter for an oil change.

The couple contended that the improper installation of an oil filter installed at the Enterprise store on October 28, 1995, caused the fire that destroyed their car and one-story, three-bedroom home.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. claimed that it was not at fault and that the

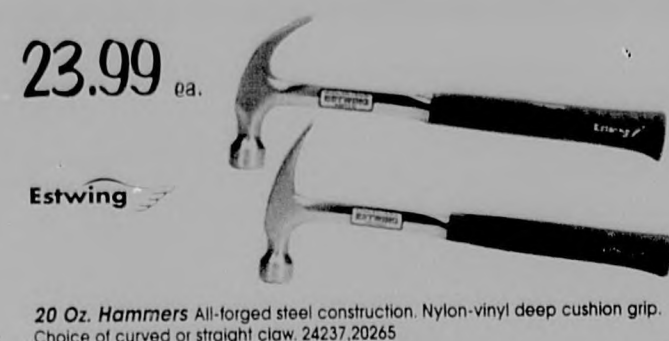
fire started in the electrical panel of the car.

The Bowers won a \$1 million dollar verdict in a jury trial held in July, 1998.

Upon appeal by Wal-Mart, the Supreme Court ruled that the jury should not have considered Tony Bowers' mental anguish claim because he was not at the home when the fire started, and "was not placed in any immediate risk of physical harm."

The Court struck down the whole verdict because the jury returned a general verdict with no indication as to what portion of the \$1 million was for Bowers' mental anguish claim.

No date has been set for the case to be retried in the Coffee County Courts. The next civil jury term is scheduled for February 2000.



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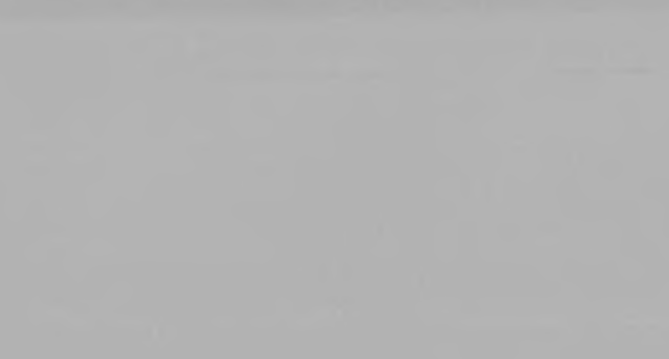
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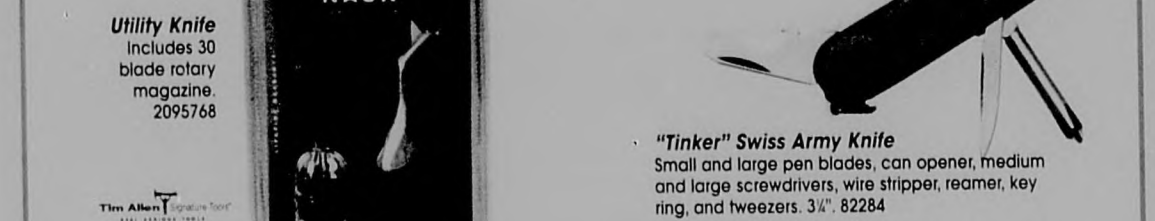


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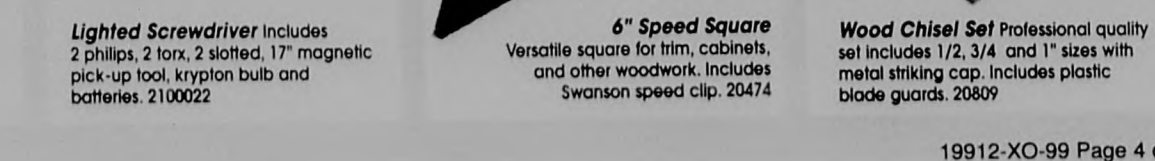
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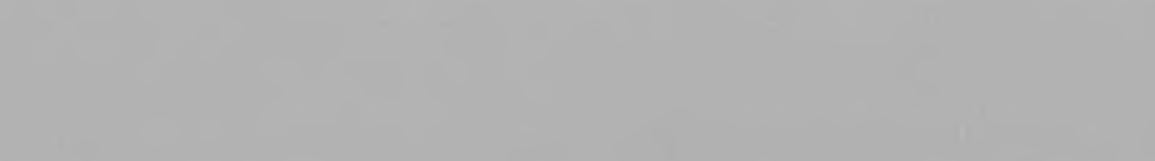
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### Alabama's new seat belt law takes effect tomorrow as a primary offense

Drivers, and passengers, of automobiles and trucks had better buckle up because tomorrow, December 10, if you are caught unbuckled, you will get a ticket.

Alabama's new safety belt law makes it a primary offense if a driver and/or passenger fails to buckle up. This allows law enforcement officers to issue a ticket for not wearing a seat belt.

Prior to now, the seat belt law passed in 1991 required the wearing of seat belts; however, a driver had to be stopped and ticketed for another traffic offense before a citation could be issued for failing to wear a safety belt.

The new law requires that all occupants in the front seat of a

vehicle with a total capacity of 10 or less riders must wear seat belts. Children are still required to ride in a safety seat whether they are riding in the front or rear of a vehicle.

There are only a few exemptions to the new law. They are those with doctor's excuse which verifies that some medical problem prevents the wearing of a safety belt, rural mail carriers, individuals delivering newspapers, those riding in cars built prior to 1965 and operators of vehicle normally operated in reverse.

Anyone receiving a ticket for failing to buckle up will be fined \$25. With the passing and enforcement of the new law, Alabama becomes one of only 15 states with

a primary seat belt law. All 50 states have laws requiring infants and toddlers to ride in a federally approved safety seats.

Alabama State Troopers, and other law enforcement agencies, want the motoring public to recognize the importance of buckling up which is not just to keep from getting a ticket and being fined, but the safety measure is designed to save lives. At the present time, the usage rate for seat belts in the state is estimated to be only 52 percent while the national average is 69 percent.

In Alabama, more than 1,000 people die each year while nearly 50,000 are injured in vehicle crashes. A small percentage of those killed or injured were wearing their seat belt.

It is estimated that the new law will prevent 87 deaths and 1,326 injuries in vehicle crashes in only one year. Also, an estimated \$36.2 billion will be saved in health costs annually.

Regardless of the incentive, everyone should buckle up - it is the safe and sensible thing to do.

### Submission deadline nears for articles in Coffee County Heritage publication

Coffee Countians are being invited to preserve their family's history in a soon to be published book entitled "The Heritage of Coffee County, Alabama." The current schedule calls for the book to be published in Fall 2000.

Coffee County's Heritage Book Committee is preparing a unique collection of family and topical stories to be placed in the book which will be Volume 16 of the prestigious 68 volume heritage of Alabama Series, a collection of 67 county books and a compiled index of all family names.

All residents, former residents, and those with roots in Coffee County are being invited to submit a family household history of 500 words and one photograph to be printed in the book.

Chairman Roy Shoffner noted that families whose ancestors were in the county previous to 1890 will be allowed to submit an additional 500 words of pioneer history and another photograph per household at no additional charge. In either case, all words over the allowed amount will be added at a cost of 15¢ per word.

The book will feature different chapters dealing with communities and their origin, businesses, churches, citizens and other interesting facts about Coffee County.

Just recently, it was decided to add a chapter in the book dedicated to couples married for 50 or more years.

This is a rare opportunity for one to have their family's history



### Chairman Roy Shoffner examines a sample book

placed in library genealogical collections throughout Alabama and the nation. The 9"x12" book will be a limited edition beautifully hardbound, ivy green, exquisitely gold stamped cover. Only those ordering in advance at the pre-publication price of \$59 are guaranteed to receive a copy.

The deadline for submitting articles and placing pre-publication orders is January 31, 2000. The following individuals can be contacted for assistance and additional information concerning the project. They are: Chairman Roy Shoffner at (334)347-8887; Family Coordinators Phyllis Maddox at (334)897-5550 and Lavinia Helms at (334)347-6150; Topical Coordinators Marion Brunson at (334)897-2427 and Peggy Stroud at (334)897-2847.

### Jack R. Brunson's retirement as president & CEO of NSGI announced

The National Security Group, Inc. announced on Dec. 3, 1999 the retirement of President and Chief Executive Officer, Jack R. Brunson.

Mr. Brunson has served National Security well for the past 46 years and has been a successful leader. He plans to continue in a consulting capacity to the company but will be spending more time with his family. He will be retiring on Dec. 31, 1999.

The company also announced that William L. Brunson Jr., President of the company's life insurance subsidiary, was elected President and Chief Executive Officer, effective Jan. 1, 2000.

Mr. William Brunson has been with National Security since June of 1983. He is married to Rhonda Bozeman Brunson. They reside in Elba with their two daughters, Sydney and Shelby.

### Area Happenings

**COMMISSION MEETING.** The Coffee County Commission will hold its bi-monthly meeting Monday, December 13, 1999, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton, AL.

**HOLIDAY MUSICAL.** The National Security Group, Inc. of Elba heralds the holiday season when it presents Theatre Tuscaloosa's Stage Centre Company in A BROADWAY CHRISTMAS on Friday, Dec. 10, at the Elba High School Auditorium. Tickets are free and may be obtained by calling 897-2273, Ext. 204, or 1-800-239-2358, Ext. 204, from outside Coffee County.

**COFFEE COUNTY BOE** No meeting in month of December.



## EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

Mrs. Mae Bryan was honored Sunday on her 100th birthday. Even though more and more folks are reaching this milestone in their lives, it still leaves us in awe. In our short lifetime there have been so-o-o-o many changes in the world. Just imagine looking back to how things were 100 years ago and comparing them to today's world! A couple of weeks ago we were reminded of another thought-provoking fact about Miss Mae. . . . come January 1, 2000, Mae Bryan will have lived in three centuries - she was born in the 1800's, lived the entire 1900's and for a yet undetermined time in the 2000's.

Just suggesting the taxing of sales over the internet can get someone a whole army of protesters. . . . probably a lot worse than anything which happened at the World Trade Organization last week. Opponents act like their rights have suddenly been violated. Maybe we are missing something but isn't this the same thing as paying a sales tax at the local supermarket or corner specialty store? This brings us to ask - why is it such a sacred right not to pay tax on the internet, when it is required when buying in person? Just envision everything being suddenly purchased over the "net," and no sales taxes paid. Where would the money come to operate the government? That includes law enforcement, monthly checks for millions, school operating funds, fire fighting expense. . . the list goes on and on. You will not find a lover of taxes in this corner, nor someone who defends the efficient way our tax monies are spent. . . . however, there is a need for these taxes to operate government - any government.

There was another school shooting this week. This time it was a 13-year-old who was charged with the violent act. Fortunately for the victims, none of them were killed. The incident causes us to pause and ask again. . . WHY? Now this 13-year-old child is not upset over football jocks as was one of the ex-cuses in a couple of the other shootings. He probably has not yet gotten serious enough to feel his favorite girl has slighted him; the list grows longer the more we think of the problem. The bleeding hearts in America, including the Reverend Jesse Jackson, who think zero tolerance on the school campus is too harsh and unfair to ALL the darling children in America, should talk to those Oklahoma school parents today.

We broke bread with the local National Guard unit at noon Sunday. It was surprising to see all the new, young faces now in the unit. Just a year or so ago the Guard was having trouble finding recruits to fill their ranks. Now the Elba unit is bursting at the seams with part-time soldiers eager to serve their country. Of course some of the incentive could be the hefty sign-up bonus these guys are now getting. . . . In addition to the college benefits they have received for several years. Whatever the reason, it is good to see the unit full of eager troops.

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, November 29, 1999, investigated the following incidents: three criminal mischiefs, two assaults, one forgery, one missing person, one burglary, and one house fire.

The following arrests were made: one for assault and one for reckless endangerment.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: seventeen for speeding, two for improper equipment, one for failure to dim, one for an expired tag, one for failure to use seat belt, one for no driver's license, one for driving while driver's license is suspended.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 29** - River stage - 3.11 (6:57 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Claxton Avenue (8:46 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Sunset Blvd (10:45 a.m.); Wreck reported on Davis Street (4:30 p.m.); Prowler reported on Reese Avenue (9:26 p.m.); Prowler reported on Oak Avenue (10:23 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30** - Alarm at a residence on Claxton Avenue (3:05 a.m.); River stage - 2.93 (6:49 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Cedar Lane Drive (7:38 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Herman Driggers Drive (1:36 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Reese Ave (4:12 a.m.); River stage - 3.03 (6:29 a.m.); Alarm at a business on AL 203 (7:38 a.m.); Alarm at Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home (10:18 a.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Herman Driggers Drive (1:36 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Reese Ave (4:12 a.m.); River stage - 3.03 (6:29 a.m.); Alarm at a business on AL 203 (7:38 a.m.); Alarm at Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home (10:18 a.m.).

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 2** - River stage - 2.98 (6:09 a.m.);

Fire department dispatched to a grass fire on Co. Rd. 410 (5:58 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Kendrick Apts. (9:20 p.m.).

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3** - River stage - 2.94 (6:12 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on AL Hwy. 875 (8:50 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck at the intersection of AL Hwy. 167 and Co. Rd. 114 (10:02 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a business in New Brockton (1:09 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 307 (2:08 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 308 (7:54 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4** - River stage - 2.93 (6:09 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence at the intersection of Atkinson and Newton street (10:55 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire on Co. Rd. 239 (11:52 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a house fire on Putnam Street (12:34 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Putnam Street (3:32 p.m.); Fire department dispatched to a grass fire on Co. Rd. 408 (4:35 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Cedar Lane Drive (8:06 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5** - River stage - 2.94 (6:29 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 122 (11:47 p.m.).

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## ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of November 30, 1999, through December 6, 1999. They were: Frankie Hartzog, Sallie Lott, Jane Bass, Hollis Wicker, Howard Oliver, Jeanette Wyrosdick, Gwendolyn Rayborn, Roy Jackson, Totsye Boutwell, Billy Denham, Cleo Livingston, Benny Ray Carpenter, Helen Horstead, Corine Williams, Amy Meadows, Robert Napper, Hillard Davis, Sarah Moore, Mary Lindsey, James Daniels, Timothy Miles, Betty Tompkins, Willie Flowers, Luther Bludworth, Jason Mills, Cortez

Chism, Inez Hussey, and Tommy Sorrells. Persons discharged during the same time period were: Michael Bryan, Shirley Tompkins, Jane Bass, Devorian Wilkerson, Frankie Hartzog, Travis McKenzie, Howard Oliver, Lula Cole, Hudson Ennis, Hollis Wicker, Roy Jackson, Oliver Howard, Francis Culver, Amy Meadows, James Daniels, Hillard Davis, Jeanette Wyrosdick, Corine Williams, and Gwendolyn Rayborn.

## DHR gets ready for Y2K

Coffee County Department of Human Resources (DHR) Director, Ms. Joyce Stanford, does not expect Year 2000 (Y2K) computer problems to affect the delivery of agency services. The staff, however, is making plans to deal with any problems that might occur.

"The Department has been working on this problem for more than a year," said Stanford. "Most of our computers or software have been replaced or upgraded to make them Y2K compatible. The remaining replacements or upgrades should be complete by the end of December. We expect all of our computer systems to work on Jan. 1, 2000."

She added that the agency has developed back-up plans that will allow the delivery of benefits and services in the event there are problems with the computer systems. If there are serious problems, benefits and payments will be issued manually so there will not be an interruption in the provision of services.

DHR administers several major programs. They include Food Stamps, Family Assistance (welfare), Child Support Enforcement, Child Welfare Services that include foster care, child abuse investigations and Adult Protective Services. Potential Y2K problems stem from the fact that some computer programs developed years ago were not designed to recognize the Year 2000.

## RECYCLE!

## BULLETIN BOARD

• SOCIAL SECURITY REP. Court house, 4th Tues. 12-30 p.m. Call FREE 1-800-772-1213

• ROTARY CLUB - Tuesday @ Noon, First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. 7 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Mondays 6 p.m. City Hall

• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday, following 2nd Monday 6 p.m. City Hall

• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Mondays - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton

• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center

• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. - 5:30 p.m. Supr. Office

• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.

• MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Mondays of each month 7 p.m.

• BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School

• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri 8:12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858

• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 5 p.m. - Club House

• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Colony Inn, Enterprise

• AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tues. day at noon, City Hall Conference Room

• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month

• CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport, Decoll hangar

• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Mondays - 6:30 p.m. - EHS Cafeteria

• REGIONAL GRIEF & LOSS SUPPORT GROUP - 4th Tues. at 7 p.m. - Community Care Hospice meeting room.

This space made possible by National Security Insurance Co.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. McIlwain,

Since I was in for Thanksgiving and to visit my grandmother, Evelyn Hocutt, I was able to go to the Christmas Festival on the town square. I really liked the Teddy Tea Party. The food was good. This is for the Girl Scouts: "Thank you for a delightful time!"

I also enjoyed the face painting and tap dancing. I know my little cousins liked the train and balls.

Thank you for all the fun Elba! Della Stahler, Auburn, AL

Dear Ferrin,

I am writing in response to Mr. McAllister who thinks Elba isn't a friendly town. (Letter to the Editor Dec. 2)

My husband and I have lived in California, Virginia and Maryland, and we have never found a town so friendly.

After spending two winters in Elba, we found we were welcomed here permanently. We returned to Maryland, sold our house, and now live in this wonderful town year round.

"I think if 'Mr. Bible Study' had gone to a church in town, gotten acquainted and not tried to do his own thing, he might have learned a

## SUMMIT

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who really know what it takes to make that happen are small business owners like Daniel Stephens who live it every day in their own hometown."

The summit concluded with delegates voting to prioritize issues, helping shape the NFIB Small Business Legislative Agenda for the 2000 session and the year immediately following. Topping the long-term "wish list" of these small business owners is the elimination of business personal property tax on equipment, machinery, and furniture, and enactment of a comprehensive tax and budget reform including eliminating earmarking.

In the short-term, business owners would like to establish an unemployment benefits "probation" period so new hires are ineligible to collect unemployment benefits until they have worked for a reasonable period of time, and to eliminate government competition with small business by enforcing existing legislation.

In Alabama, small business owners provide more than half of all the

few things, like love, for instance. Sincerely, Martha Guerrero

Dear Editor,

I read with interest your article today describing how the state dodged a bullet by working so efficiently to replace the franchise tax in the recent special session. I would like to make a few comments regarding this issue to counteract some of the "spin" being put on this situation.

A "crisis" like this is the perfect opportunity to increase taxes. There are some things the general public should be aware of before passing judgment on the current administration's handling of the situation. When you pass a \$150 million increase in the franchise tax (conservative estimates) to replace a \$110 million loss, any way you look at it you've increased taxes.

The legislature only has about \$100 million of a \$1 billion general fund budget to deal with every year since 90% of the budget is earmarked. Earmarked meaning the revenues go directly to the various agencies by law. With a \$40 million increase that is not earmarked the legislature has greatly increased the funding available to distribute in the future.

jobs in the state's private sector. Gov. Don Siegelman hosted a breakfast at the Governor's mansion, where he told NFIB delegates that "small business is the backbone of the state. We want to make it easier for people to get in business and stay in business."

The summit produced a total of 12 recommendations, which will be presented to legislators, the Governor, and Lt. Gov. Steve Windom before the start of next year's legislative session.

NFIB is a small business advocacy organization with a membership consisting solely of small and independent business owners who understand the importance of small business to the local and national economy. Founded in 1943, NFIB is listed by *Fortune* magazine as the most influential small business organization in the United States. This year, NFIB tied for second in "The Power 25," *Fortune's* annual ranking of the most influential lobbying organizations in Washington D.C.

NFIB has offices in Washington D.C. and in every state capitol in the nation. NFIB has approximately 12,000 members across Alabama. Business owners wishing to become involved may call 1-800-NFIB-NOW.

Tickets for A BROADWAY CHRISTMAS are free and may be obtained by calling 897-2273, Ext. 204, or 1-800-239-2358, Ext. 204, from outside Coffee County.

## Free tickets offered for holiday musical by National Security Group

The National Security Group, Inc. of Elba heralds the holiday season when it presents Theatre Alabama's Stage Centre Company in a BROADWAY CHRISTMAS on Friday, Dec. 10, at the Elba High School Auditorium.

The tribute to the holiday season features many holiday songs first heard in Broadway musicals or in movies. Tunes ranging from "We Need a Little Christmas" from the musical *Mame* to "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas" from *Meet Me In St. Louis*, are interwoven with standards like "Winter Wonderland," "White Christmas," and "Santa Claus is Coming to Town."

Set against the sights and locations of New York at holiday time, A

BROADWAY CHRISTMAS promises fun for the entire family.

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The administration saw fit to instruct agency heads at the beginning of this fiscal year to spend 58% of last year's budget during the first six months of this year (Oct. 1999 through Mar. 2000). This was done in spite of the fact that the legislature was forced to cut the budget 10% across the board. This would have resulted in a 26% shortfall had that policy been carried out through the whole fiscal year. No wonder we had a crisis. Fiscal management such as this will keep us in a "crisis."

There is no doubt that the franchise tax issue had to be addressed. The tax system in Alabama needs to be addressed in a comprehensive fashion. I'm not sure this type of management will give me confidence that we have the right people up there now to do the job.

Sincerely,  
Garrett Moore

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## AREA DEATHS

**DESSIE REE BRAGG**  
Dessie Ree Bragg, age 80, of Rt. 2, Troy, Ala., died Dec. 4, 1999 at Pike Manor Nursing Home.

Mrs. Bragg was a lifelong resident of Coffee County.

Funeral services were held Dec. 7, 1999 at St. John Baptist Church in Florala, Ala., with Rev. A.D. Bell Jr. officiating. Burial followed in the Greenwood Cemetery with Hammond Funeral Home of Florala directing.

Survivors include two daughters:

Joann Henderson (Clarence Wallace), Betty Daniels (Billy Daniels), Evelyn Peacock (Horace Peacock) and Sarah Williams, all of Florala, Ala.; Florida Cawthon (Charles Cawthon) and Gloria Lewis (Ray Lewis) of Ft. Walton Beach, Fla.; four sons: Charlie Hobdy, Lewis Stone and John Stone (Shirley Stone) of Florala, Ala., and Charles Hobdy, Ft. Walton Beach, Fla. two brothers: James Starks (Mary), Elba, and Wesley Starks, Louisiana; three sisters: Hazel Martin and Betty Flowers, Dothan, Ala., Myrtle White, Ohio; and a host of grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife: Rose-Marie of Marathon, Ore.; Lamar Johnson of Beaverton, Ore.; James R. Johnson of New Mexico; Eugene R. Teves of Galt, Calif.; daughters: Tina M. Kyes of Stockton, Calif.; Teresa A. Teves of Lodi, Calif.; brothers: Harley Johnson of Havana (Fla.), Ralph Johnson of Troy, Ala.; sisters: Evelyn Hollis (now Radio Marti) until his retirement.

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Funeral services were held Dec. 3, 1999 at Pleasant Shade Baptist Church of Enterprise with Rev. C.A. Hammond Jr. officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Calvary Cemetery of Elba with Hammond Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife: Mary M. Burks; a daughter: Brenda (Jimmy) Thomas, Fort Deposit, Ala.; three brothers: Curtis Burks, New Brockton, Ala., L.K. (Patricia) Burks, Panama City, Fla., Willie Burks, Dothan, Ala.; three sisters: Eva M. Gunn, Headland, Ala., Mattie Dousey, Dothan, Ala., Leila Burks, Philadelphia, Pa.; three sisters-in-law: Lillie M. (Elroy) Livingston, Haynsville, La., Mable J. Pierce, St. Petersburg, Fla., Martha (L.L.) Townsend, Enterprise, Ala.; two grandchildren: Christopher (CoTrina) Thomas, Montgomery, Ala., Katrina Thomas, Fort Deposit, Ala., and an adopted grandson, Jarvis Doster.

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## FHA Food Drive

by Daphne Jinnright  
A food drive is the community service project chosen for December by the Zion Chapel members of the Future Homemakers of America (FHA).

The canned food that is collected will be taken to the Christian Mission in Elba. The Christian Mission was picked for distribution because the people there will be able to give the items to those people who have the most need.

The food drive began the first week in December and will continue until December 17, which is the last school day before the Christmas holidays begin for Zion Chapel students.

Every member of the Chapter is encouraged to bring five items. These items should be ones that are liked and would be eaten by the person bringing them.

Members who participate in the community service project will be invited to a picnic lunch during the school lunch period.

## FHA Is Now FCCLA

The organization that has always been known as the Future Homemakers of America is no longer the Future Homemakers of America. The organization is now called Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America or FCCLA.

The Future Homemakers of America started in 1945 to teach teenage girls how to keep house for their future husbands. Today, the focus of the organization has changed. Members are more likely to be running food pantries or after-school programs than cooking, sewing, and keeping house.

The name change was approved by delegates at the group's annual leadership conference in Boston. The vote was 139 to 38. Thirteen state chapters adopted the new name almost immediately. The name change might help the organization get back the more than 30,000 members it has lost over the past five years.



## Rebel Band News

### Band Uniforms

by Morgan Hodge

New uniforms were last purchased for the Rebel Band in 1985. That is until just recently! A down payment of over \$6,000 was made for new uniforms.

Band members and boosters have been saving 10% of all funds raised for the past few years. This 10% has been placed in a special fund for new uniforms.

Selections that will be played will be "Jingle Bell Rock" arranged by Ralph Ford, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" by Johnny Marks, "Angels We Have Heard on High" by Elliot Del Borgo, "A Christmas Serenade" by Warren Barker, and "Ukrainian Bell Carol" by James D. Poyhar. The Sixth Grade Band members will also perform during this concert.

This will be the last Christmas concert for seniors Morgan Hodge, Stacey Cape, Daphne Jinnright, Alan Sanders, and Tara Grant. Morgan plays baritone, Stacey plays clarinet, Daphne plays saxophone, Tara plays French Horn, and Alan plays a variety of percussion instruments.

An additional payment is due in February and another one in June. These last two payments will complete the purchase price.

Delivery of the new uniforms is expected in early February—just in time for the Troy State University District Band Competition.

The Zion Chapel Band has always been known for its superior

ratings, but now it will have a new look to start the new millennium and to carry on the band's tradition of excellence.

### Christmas Concert

by Stacey Cape

A Christmas Concert will be presented by the Zion Chapel Rebel Band on Sunday, Dec. 12, beginning at 3 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Selections that will be played will be "Jingle Bell Rock" arranged by Ralph Ford, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" by Johnny Marks, "Angels We Have Heard on High" by Elliot Del Borgo, "A Christmas Serenade" by Warren Barker, and "Ukrainian Bell Carol" by James D. Poyhar. The Sixth Grade Band members will also perform during this concert.

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## Smith Corresponds With Governor Ventura

by Morgan Hodge  
Luke Smith, a student in the resource class of Mrs. Verna Mozzo, and Troy State Intern Carmon Salter, got a letter from Governor Jesse Ventura of Minnesota.

Ms. Salter was teaching a unit on writing proper business letters and part of her unit was for her students to write a letter to governors of states other than Alabama asking for information about that state.

Luke chose Minnesota because he is a wrestling fan. Governor Ventura answered Luke's letter and included an autographed picture of himself.



Pictured above is Luke showing Mrs. Mozzo Governor Ventura's autographed picture.

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## Rebel Basketball News

### by Ceretha Towles and Jessica Kelley

**Zion Chapel vs. Fleeta**  
On Nov. 9, the Zion Chapel Junior High Basketball team traveled to Fleeta. The seventh grade boys began the afternoon of play with a disappointing, but exciting game.

The final score was Fleeta 24, Zion Chapel 22. Josh Smith scored 9 points to be the high-point man for Zion Chapel. Austin Smith and Luke Taylor, each scored 4 points. Jamie Wise added 3 points and T.J. Winters contributed 2 points.

The Junior High Girls played the second game and lost by a score of 24-33. Inessa Wambles was the leading scorer with 12 points. Bertha Scott had 10 points and Danielle Carter had 2 points.

The eighth grade boys played the final game. The Rebels had another disappointing loss, losing 18-33. The top scorer for the Rebels was Johnell Brown with 12 points. Jonah McWaters made the other 6 points.

**Zion Chapel vs. Arton**  
On Nov. 16, the Zion Chapel Junior High Basketball team played the Arton Purple Cats. The seventh grade boys started with a disappointing loss, with a final score of 8-34. The leading scorer for the Rebels was T.J. Winters with 6 points. Luke Taylor made the other 2 points.

The Junior High girls fell short, losing 17-20. The top scorer for the girls was Inessa Wambles with 9 points.

points. Bertha Scott made 7 points. The last game was exciting, with the Rebels posting a win, 29-28. The leading scorer was Johnell Brown who scored 11 points. Macon Hodge and Jamie White each had 8 points and Jonah McWaters had 2 points.

**Zion Chapel vs. Kinston**  
On Friday, Nov. 19, the B Team, Girls Varsity, and Boys Varsity played their first game against the Kinston Bulldogs.

The B Team lost to the Bulldogs with a score of 21-27. Brandon Arnold and Randall Brunson lead the Rebels with 6 points each. Michael Rayburn and Jon Sanders both added 4 points. Sam Wambles made a free-throw to contribute 1 point.

The Girls Varsity came out with a big win against Kinston. The final score was 35-18. Kayla Eddins led the scoring with 18 points, and Jessica Flowers was the next highest scorer with 7 points.

The varsity boys also won. The final score was 36-27. Johnny Branham lead the Rebels with 8 points. Jason Spear followed with 7 points, and Wes Bragg, Alan Sanders, and Marcus Taylor came in next by adding 6 points each.

**Zion Chapel vs. McKenzie**  
On Tuesday, Nov. 23, the B Team, the Girls Varsity, and the Boys Varsity played McKenzie at home. The B Team had a big 28-point win. The final score was 54-26.

Brandon Arnold led with 21 points and Jon Sanders lead next with 8. The Girls Varsity lost by a score of 39-49. Jessica Flowers and Rebecca Kidd lead the team with 13 points each. Kayla Eddins scored 10 points.

The Varsity Boys won with a score of 76-48 as the final score. Marcus Taylor lead the way to the victory with 30 points.

**Thanksgiving Tournament**  
On Nov. 24-26, the Zion Chapel Varsity Girls and Boys basketball teams competed in the Thanksgiving Tournament in Kinston.

**Zion Chapel vs. Samson**  
Wednesday, Nov. 24, the Girls Varsity played Samson for their first game. It was a very close game and the Rebels lost by only 2 points. The final score was 25-23. Rebecca Kidd led Zion Chapel with 22 points. Kayla Eddins contributed 10 points, Morgan Hodge had 2 points, and Dana Bugee made a free throw to contribute 1 point.

**Zion Chapel vs. Kinston**  
The Girls Varsity played their second game on Friday, Nov. 26 against Kinston. The Kinston Bulldogs won by 9 points. The final score was 37-46. Rebecca Kidd had 16 points to lead the Rebels. Kayla Eddins scored 8 points, Jessica Flowers scored 6, Morgan Hodge scored 3, and Christy Roberts scored 2. Tara Grant completed 2 free throws for Zion Chapel.

**Zion Chapel vs. Elba**  
On Wednesday, Nov. 24, the Zion Chapel Varsity boys played Elba for their first game of the tournament. The Elba Tigers defeated the Rebels by a score of 71-48. The leading scorer for the Rebels was Marcus Taylor with 15 points and second highest was Josh McWaters with 10.

**Zion Chapel vs. Houston County**  
The Rebels played their second game on Friday against Houston County. The final score was 51-73, a loss for the Rebels. Marcus Taylor contributed 20 points. Wes Bragg scored 14, Josh McWaters scored 6, Alan Sanders and Jason Spear each scored 4 points, and the last of the Rebel points were scored by Justin Prescott who added 3 points.

**Zion Chapel vs. G.W. Long**  
On Nov. 29, the Junior High Rebels played G.W. Long. The girls suffered an 8 point loss; 16-24 was the final score. Inessa Wambles led the Rebels with 11 points. Bertha Scott added 5 points.

The 7-8th grade boys lost to the G.W. Long Rebels 18-33. Macon Hodge and Jason Danley lead Zion Chapel with 4 points each. Jeremy Eddins and Johnell Brown added 3 points each. Joshua Roberts and Austin Smith contributed 2 points each.

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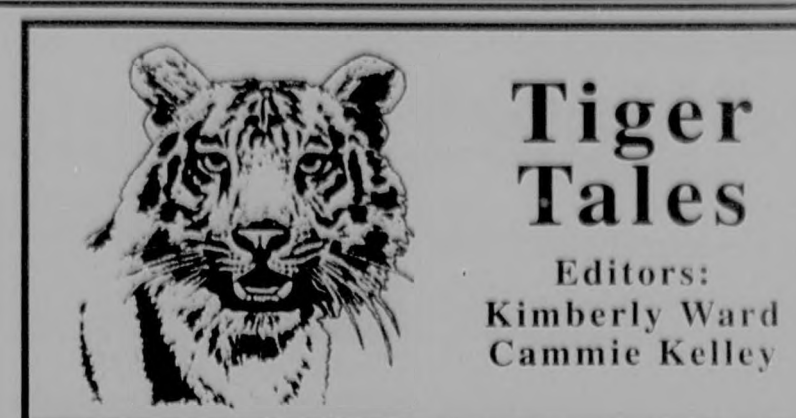


by Katie Vaughan

The student spotlight this week is Sheena Ann Richards. Sheena is 17-years-old and is a senior at Elba High. Her parents are Patricia and G.W. Richards. She has one sister, Sylvia; and a brother, Danny. Sheena was born in Opp, but she was raised in Elba.

When asked about her plans after high school, she replied, "I am either going to get a job or attend MacArthur Tech in Opp and major in accounting." Sheena enjoys spending time with her friends and family. She also enjoys skating. Sheena stated that what she likes the most about EHS is the people because they are friendly. "Most of my friends go to school here," Sheena said. When asked what makes her unique, Sheena replied, "My mom and dad have called me 'Dowey Bug' ever since I was little. They started calling me that because one night my mom said 'Good night darling' and I replied, 'Night, night, Dowey.' Ever since, I have had a unique name."

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## TIGER BRIEFS

### Homecoming Pictures

by Sara K. Miller

On Monday, Nov. 15, the 1999 Homecoming pictures arrived at Elba High School. An announcement was made in second block for all students who bought pictures to come by the Journalism room third block to pick up pictures. Each student was very anxious to get their pictures. The students were very excited and enjoyed receiving yet another picture to mark the many memories made at Elba High.

### Success for St. Jude's

by Cammie Kelley

The Math-a-Thon recently held at Elba High School was a great success. Thanks to the students, Elba was able to raise \$413. These donations will go to help children with cancer at St. Jude's Hospital. Those earning \$35 or more received a free t-shirt. The t-shirt recipients were: Clay Sittley, Bobbie Jo York, Heather Hudson, Carey Holloway, Ben Purvis, Sara Miller, Amy Kirkland, Tim Ware, Cammie Kelley, Neil Grantham, and Jennifer Dyer. Mrs. King, sponsor of this fundraiser, was extremely happy with the outcome of the 1999 Math-a-Thon.

## Co-Op Spotlight

by Natasha Bannin

This week's co-op spotlight focuses on Linda Gideon. Linda is employed at Dorsey Trailers. Her job duties include filing, answering phones, working on the computer and any other odd jobs that she is needed for.

Linda is the daughter of Troy and Roberta Gideon and is a senior at Elba High. She is the Spanish Club president, the VICA reporter, a member of SGA, First Priority, FCA, Sr. Beta and the Elba Deliverance Tabernacle Church. Her future plans are to attend Troy State University and then attend the University of Alabama to get her Master's in social work.



## Fourth Graders Study Prehistoric Indians



Mrs. Waddell's fourth grade class has recently been studying Prehistoric Indians in Alabama History. One of the activities was building folk houses. The students are pictured above with their hand-made houses. Students shared their project in front of the class. The houses were then displayed on the stage for all of the school to enjoy.

## \*Meet Our Faculty\*

by Kimberly Ward

This week's teacher spotlight is Mrs. Martha Crawford. Mrs. Crawford teaches two computer education classes which include Word Processing/Desktop Publishing and Business Computer Applications. Mrs. Crawford has been teaching for seven years. She graduated from Enterprise High School. She attended ESJC and Troy State, graduating with a degree in Business Education.

Mrs. Crawford is married to Chuck Crawford. They have one son together named Zachary. Zachary is 5-years-old. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford live in Enterprise, Ala.

The students and faculty at Elba High are proud that she is with us.



Mrs. Martha Crawford

## A Special Thanks

by Cammie Kelley

This week, the EHS Journalism Staff would like to spotlight Miranda Russell. Miranda is a tenth grader at Elba High School. Her parents are Helen Smith and Clifford Blue. In Miranda's spare time, she enjoys chatting on the net, spending time with family, and going to church. Miranda is a member of FBLA. After high school, Miranda plans to attend Troy State and become a Computer Software Engineer. Miranda types the articles in the correct format for the Tiger Tales every week. The Journalism staff would like to thank Miranda for her volunteer efforts every week. THANKS SO MUCH!

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## Coffee County Schools Menu December 13 - 17, 1999

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Tuesday - Biscuit, Sausage Patties, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Wednesday - Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Thursday - Pancake, Link Sausage, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk  
Friday - Blueberry Muffin, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

**LUNCH**  
Monday - Hamburger, Hot Dog, French Fries, Baked Beans, Lettuce & Tomato, Dill Slices, Fruit, Milk  
Tuesday - Fried Chicken, Steak Sandwich, Blackeyed Peas, Potato Salad, Fruit, Baked Cornbread, Milk  
Wednesday - Beef & Cheese Nachos, Rib B Cue Sandwich, Sliced Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, Fruit, Chocolate Pudding w/ Vanilla Wafers, Milk  
Thursday - Chicken Party Sandwich, Burrito, Tater Tots, French Beans, Fruit, Milk  
Friday - Lunch Will Not Be Served

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## SPORTS

Views from....

## THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The girls did a little shopping over the weekend, and while Daddy now has his first present under the tree, I may not have to wait until Christmas morning to find out what it is. Melanie picked out the gift and then wrapped it when she got home, but after unsuccessfully trying to get me to make a guess, gave me a couple of hints. If I talk about it at all, I am sure she will tell Daddy just what it is very soon. She may even tell me if I don't say a word!

## DUSTING OFF THE SPORTS DESK...

\*\*\* The Elba Tigers and their fans were already looking at the schedule and counting their wins after winning the Thanksgiving Tournament over at New Brockton, but might have to sit down and do some new math after being blown out by 1A Houston Academy Friday night, in Elba. The Tigers, who were without the services of Tim Ware, went over five minutes without a basket in the first quarter, went over three minutes without scoring a point in the second quarter, and then scored a total of only three points in the entire third quarter. I know that Ware's absence affected the Tigers, however, a championship team cannot be built around just one player, and hopefully the Tigers will realize that it is a team sport and every single player in uniform has to pitch in and help every time they hit the court. Elba scored 77 and 71 points in their first two wins, but since have scored 48, 49 and 42. The Tigers have figured out their plan on defense, but seem to be going backward on the offensive end of the court. It will be interesting to see how the Tigers react, and maybe very soon we will find out just how good this year's team really is.

\*\*\* The Brantley Bulldogs closed out the '99 high school football season last week with a 13-10 loss to Courtland in the championship game at Legion Field, and while the 14-1 record is outstanding, it is still a disappointment to the Bulldogs players, coaches and fans that the team didn't repeat as state champions. Last season the Bulldogs scored late to claim the state title, but this year Brantley was turned back at the two-yard line in the first half, had an interception at the 14-yardline on another drive, and then missed a field goal by only inches on its final play of the game. There is no doubt that the Brantley Bulldogs are the best 1A team in the state, it just so happened that on Thursday afternoon they lost the game that counted the most. Great job Bulldogs, and thanks for an exciting season!

\*\*\* The folks down in Opp can now open up a new can of paint and make their sign declaring Opp as the "Home of Mike DuBose," even more noticeable after Coach DuBose led Alabama to Saturday night's amazing 34-7 romp over Florida, in the SEC title game. Coach DuBose was all but given up for dead earlier in the season and was perhaps just one loss away from losing his job on a number of occasions. However, the gutsy coach refused to quit, and I think it was that dedication to the team, and his hard nose work ethic that turned the Tide into the top team in the conference, and one of the best in the nation. It was very obvious Saturday night that Alabama has the right coaching staff in place to keep it among the nation's top teams for a long time to come, and new-Athletic Director Mal "The Dozier Flash" Moore, should waste no time giving Coach DuBose a contract extension and a raise in salary. I too had my doubts, but now I am convinced that he is indeed the "Man" for the job!

\*\*\* Saturday night's Alabama win over Florida reminded me of the Tide's big win over Miami in the Sugar Bowl that gave the Tide their last national championship. I had changed into my pajama bottoms after Florida's early touchdown, convinced that I should at least be comfortable since it was going to be a long night, and then proceeded to actually get excited about Alabama football for the first time in years as the Tide rolled to the win. The Alabama offensive line hit the Gators in the mouth on every play and forced Florida to play physical, while the backs and receivers stole a page out of the Gators' own play book and threw everything possible at the Florida defense. The Alabama defense, criticized some times for not being aggressive, got after Florida from the start, and late in the game simply laid their ears back and hit anything that moved. It looked like the Tide of old Saturday night, and should get even the most laid back Bama fans excited once again about Alabama football.

\*\*\* The high school basketball season is now in full swing, and the top team around the county so far has been the New Brockton Gamecocks. The Gamecocks improved their record to 5-1 last week with easy wins over Houston Academy and Kinston, and may have the right combination to make another run at a state tournament berth. Kinston's loss to the "Gamecocks" left the Bulldogs with a 2-3 slate, which is somewhat of a surprise in itself, since the Bulldogs were expected to struggle once again. Kinston may not match-up with all its opponents, but it looks like this season the "Dogs aren't backing down from anyone. Zion Chapel lost to Straughn and G.W. Long, but battled a very talented G.W. Long team for all four quarters before falling, and may be another surprise team this season. The Rebels play hard from the opening tip to the final buzzer, and if they will continue to do that, good things will happen. Area basketball fans should be in for an exciting season, no matter which team they support!

\*\*\* Pleasant Home used a "slow down" in its run Andalusia 16-15 last week in "high school basketball, and I think The Montgomery Advertiser had one of the best lines of the season in its report of the game when it stated "Pleasant Home's T.J. Kelly hit a ten foot jumper with 1.8 seconds on the game clock to end the misery for anyone who paid money to watch these two offensive juggernauts swap buckets for the 16-15 victory over Andalusia." That's a line I would have been proud of.

\*\*\* The Elba Parks and Recreation Department had its player draft last week, and it looks like another exciting basketball season ahead for the youth in Elba. The youth league will include 17 teams in both girls and boys divisions, and the season will tip off the first week in January. The teams are hard at work now getting ready, and all basketball fans should come on out when the season starts and watch these youngsters in action. It is worth the time spent in the bleachers!

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## Suffer first loss of young season

## Elba Tigers routed by Raiders 60-42

The Elba Tigers saw their four-game winning streak come to a screeching halt Friday night when the Houston Academy Raiders came to the Tiger gym and left with a lopsided 60-42 win.

The loss left the Tigers with a 4-1 record, while Houston Academy improved its record to 3-1 with the win.

Elba jumped out to a 2-0 lead with 6:16 left in the opening stanza on a basket by Brandon Salter, but it was over five minutes before the Tigers opened up an 8-2 advantage.

Elba did close the quarter with baskets by Wayne Reed and Monroe Williams, to pull within 8-6, and trailed 11-8 with 6:29 left in the half on a short jumper by Josh Lawford. The Raiders answered with a 7-0 run over a three-minute span to stretch their lead to 18-8, only to see the Tigers again respond, and led by the play of Wayne Reed and Monroe Williams, Elba scored seven straight points to cut the Houston Academy lead to 18-15 with 1:58 remaining in the second quarter.

The Raiders carried a 23-17 lead in at the half on a pair of free-throws with no time showing on the clock, and then took complete command in the third quarter as they outscored the Tigers 18-3 in the stanza to take a big 41-20 advantage.

Houston Academy's lead ballooned to 47-22 with 5:34 remain-

ing in the fourth quarter, and even though the Tigers went on a 9-2 run over the next two minutes, it only cut the Raiders' lead to 49-31, and Houston Academy easily held on down the stretch to stun the previously undefeated Tigers 60-42.

Wayne Reed scored 17 points to lead the Tigers, while Mark Wright nailed five three-pointers and went 6 for 7 from the free-throw line en route to a 27 point performance to lead the Raiders.

HA 8 15 18 19 - 60  
EL 6 11 3 22 - 42

H.A. (60): Washington 5, Wynder 7, Wages 1, Fain 4, Wright 27, Heersink 14.  
Elba (42): Hill 3, Coleman 3, Lawford 8, Reed 17, Salter 2, Williams 9.

## [B GAME]

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H.A. (17): Kelly 4, Phares 8, Benton 2, Choquette 2, Flowers 1.

## High School Basketball Briefs

## Kinston Bulldogs outscore Arton 62-54

The Kinston Bulldogs went on the road last Monday night and came home with an impressive 62-54 win over the Arton Purple Cats. Bret Nobles scored 31 points and Bishop Edwards added 12 to lead the (2-3) Bulldogs, while Craig Lightner scored 16 to lead (0-4) Arton.

## Kinston Lady Bulldogs fall to 'Cats 57-36

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs played hard for all four quarters before falling to the Arton Lady Cats 57-36, in Arton. Martha Swidger scored 14 points to lead (1-5) Kinston, while Randi Black scored 19 points to spark (4-1) Arton to the win.

## New Brockton Gamecocks rip Raiders 64-49

The New Brockton Gamecocks continued their early-season success with a big 64-49 win over the Houston Academy Raiders, last Tuesday night in New Brockton. Kellen Cole scored 24 points to lead the (4-1) Gamecocks, while Josh Lewis scored 11 points and Jason McKenzie added 9 points and grabbed 8 rebounds. Chris Fain led the (2-1) Raiders with 14 points.

## Zion Chapel Rebels ambushed by Straughn 63-38

The Zion Chapel Rebels fell behind early and never recovered last Tuesday night as they were defeated by the Straughn Tigers 63-38, at Zion Chapel. Wes Bragg scored 15 points and Marcus Taylor added 11 for the (2-3) Rebels, while Derrick Florence scored 17 and Brock Bracewell added 13 for the (2-1) Tigers.

## Kinston Bulldogs surprise Samson Tigers 56-50

The Kinston Bulldogs continued to be an early-season surprise Thursday night as they handed the Samson Tigers an exciting 56-50 defeat, in Kinston. Bret Nobles poured in 27 points to lead the (3-3) Bulldogs, while Bishop Edwards added 14. Timmy Bess scored 13 points to lead (1-3) Samson.

## New Brockton Gamecocks club Kinston 66-40

The New Brockton Gamecocks pulled ahead early and pulled away late to down the Kinston Bulldogs 66-40, Friday night in Kinston. Kellen Cole scored 17 points and grabbed 9 rebounds to lead the (5-1) Gamecocks, while Adrian Grimes added 14 points and 9 rebounds, and Pate Harrison scored 10 points. Bishop Edwards scored 11 points and Jonathan Wiggins added 10 for the (3-3) Bulldogs.

## Zion Chapel Rebels fall to G.W. Long 59-52

The Zion Chapel Rebels traveled over to Skipperville Friday night and came home with a hard fought 59-52 loss to the G.W. Long Rebels. Dan McAliley and Brian Johnson both scored 17 points to lead G.W. Long. Zion Chapel fell to 2-4 with the loss.

## Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fall to Long 72-35

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels were simply no match for G.W. Long Friday night as they came out on the short end of a 72-35 decision. Rebecca Kidd scored 26 points to lead the (1-5) Lady Rebels, while Krista Morrison scored 25 to lead (2-0) Long.

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Elba's Wayne Reed (22) drives in for an easy basket for the Tigers in early-season action. Reed scored 17 points Friday night in the Tigers' 60-42 loss to Houston Academy.

## Win two of three

## Elba Junior Tigers continue winning ways on hardwood

Elba Junior High hosted the Dauphin Junior High Dolphins last week and claimed two wins in three games, with the 8th grade girls getting their first win of the season 19-17 and the 8th grade boys rolling to an easy 48-16 win. The 9th grade girls battled until the final horn before dropping a hard fought 41-35 decision.

Following are highlights of last week's action:

## 8TH GRADE GIRLS

ELBA 19  
DAUPHIN 17  
The Elba 8th grade Lady Tigers claimed their first win of the season last week by posting an exciting 19-17 win over Dauphin. The Lady Tigers owned a 5-1 lead after one quarter, carried a slim 10-9 lead into the final stanza, and held on late to post the win.

Lyndsay Lawford scored 7 points to lead Elba, while Patrick scored 8 for Dauphin.  
Elba (19): Reynolds 3, Thigpen 6, Gibson 2, Lawford 7, Paul 1.  
Dauphin (17): Kirkland 2, Chambers 3, Baldwin 4, Patrick 8.

8TH GRADE BOYS

ELBA 48  
DAUPHIN 16  
The Elba 8th grade Tigers continued their winning ways with an easy 48-16 romp past Dauphin. The Tigers jumped out to a 15-0 first quarter advantage, went in at the half with a lopsided 28-3 lead, and coasted in with the easy win over the Dolphins.

Kirby Gray scored 12 points and Todd Horstead added 11 to lead Elba, while Peters led Dauphin with 6 points.  
Elba (48): Gray 12, Daniels 3, Horstead 11, Reed 2, Gavin 3, Moore 8, Hill 5, Thigpen 4.  
Dauphin (16): Hill 3, Jones 5, Peters 6, Walker 2.

9TH GRADE GIRLS

DAUPHIN 41  
ELBA 35  
The Elba 9th grade Lady Tigers saw Dauphin rally in the final stanza to claim a hard fought 41-35 win. The Lady Tigers owned a 17-10 lead at the half, but saw the Lady Dolphins pull within 24-23 by the end of the third quarter, and then watched as Dauphin pulled away late to post the win.

Laroya Tyson scored 17 points and Ayonna Proctor added 12 to lead Elba, while Robinson led Dauphin with 11 points.  
Dauphin (41): Brown 3, Butler 5, Franklin 9, Rodgers 6, Jones 3, Robinson 11, Johnson 4.  
Elba (35): Proctor 12, Chism 5, Tyson 17, Williams 1.

## \*\*\*\* High School &amp; Junior High \*\*\*\*

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**Coffee County 4-H'ers win big**

## National Peanut Festival

Stan Windham  
County Extension Agent

Coffee County youth had few 4-H contests complete in livestock events at the National Peanut Festival in Tazewell, Va., where four really made it count in terms of ribbons and money brought home.

Those involved in this year's "Peanut Festival" were Vaughn Green, Christine Whitaker, Ashley Green, and Gary Henderson. Vaughn and Christine both were double winners. Ashley and Gary took two wins apiece as well.

Vaughn Boyd had not only the Grand Champion steer but also the Reserve Grand Champion steer. I cannot think of anyone else who has ever had both champions at the Peanut Festival.

Christine Whitaker was a double winner as well with her heifer. Christine had the Grand Champion Simmental heifer in the Junior Show and eleven two days later won the Grand Champion heifer in the open show and the adult division. Her heifer was bred and owned by Steven Bozman who lives just outside Elba near the Basin Community.

Ashley Green placed well in class with a third place in the division. Her big winning off day came by winning second overall in Sr. Showmanship. She had about 40 competitors in her class and division, and Ashley took second overall.

Gary Henderson won his class with his steer and placed second in class with his heifer. He was winning for Gary came with his steer in the first place of the section. This was an extremely big class and Gary won it rather handsomely.

All four of these young people worked really hard and represent Coffee County well at the Peanut Festival this past week. They brought home a lot of good money home and some good memories.

Congratulations to Gary, Ashley, Christine and Vaughn for their big and representing Coffee County well.

If you have an interest in young person becoming involved in the 4-H livestock program, please feel free to give me a call or write.

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## Carol and Rue Marler receive Livestock Production Award

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

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The Marlers have raised four children in Elba and while they were at it, they also raised a whole bunch of cattle.

Mr. Marler started in 1955 with five brood cows and also worked at Dorsey's Trailer in Elba. He stayed at Dorsey's for 44



From left to right: Carol Marler, Rue Marler and Coffee County Extension Agent Stan Windham.

years and remained as a consultant to the company from 1993 until 1995.

In 1968, the Marlers constructed a catfish pond from which they have sold fish for many years. The pond is 3.5 acres and usually is stocked with about 10,000 catfish. It is open to the public several times a year.

Today, the Marler farm consists of 140 acres of owned land, 250 acres of rented land, 150 head of cattle, and 6 chicken houses. They also own a trailer park which contains 17 mobile homes.

## Ring in the new year on the square in Elba

Plans are being made for a "Millennium Celebration" on the square in downtown Elba for New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 1999. The Elba Chamber of Commerce is working to make it an event to remember and enjoy. Be sure to catch all the details in upcoming issues of The Elba Clipper, and make your plans now to ring in the new year and millennium with your neighbors and fellow citizens on the square in downtown Elba.

## English Farm receives award

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

During the recent Farm-City Celebration in Coffee County, the English Farm received the Forestry Management Award.



Rob and Nellie English

Community just south of Elba for

their entire life. Rob is a farmer, businessman, and timber manager. In fact, he started managing timber before it became a commodity practice to manage, cut, and market timber.

Mr. and Mrs. English have one son, Chris, who is also involved in the management of trees on the farm property. The English Farm has over

500 acres of timber, and timber has been harvested off the land eight (8) times since 1941. English's interest in timber started in 1939 when his father asked him to help with the forestry management on the family farm. He has been heavily involved in forestry management ever since.

Rob English has strong community involvement ties all over the state. He has served on the Soil Conservation Service Board of Directors for 26 years, ALFA Board of Directors, Damascus Water Board, County Hog Producers Board, Coffee County Gattlemen's Association, and the Choctawhatchee-Pea River Water Authority. He was a member of the first Forestry Committee organized in the state in 1985, and is currently vice-chairman of the ALFA Forestry Committee.

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## COMMISSIONER CHANGE REQUEST TABLED

## Commissioners question van purchase

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

Sparking the most discussion in Monday's meeting of the Coffee County Commission was the seemingly already done-deal purchase of a van.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley asked the commission what they proposed to do about the 15-passenger van, a 1994 Dodge, that had been picked up from the state surplus lot in Montgomery. He told commissioners that the price was \$11,775.

"It's my understanding that the primary purpose is that it is to be used by the county commission and the county extension office," said Mobley. "The van has got 50,000 miles on it and we've got thirty days to pay for it. What is the wish of the commission?"

Commissioner Len Averett made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Chairman Kayo Lewis, that the van be purchased. He said Coffee County Family Services was also in need of the use of a van and would be willing to reimburse the county.

During the discussion of the motion to buy the van, Chairman Lewis said the commission had talked about purchasing a van for a couple of years and that everyone seemed to be in favor of it. He also noted that Mobley had, at his instruction, brought the van to New Brockton for the commission to look at, ride and consider purchasing.

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addressing system inside the city limits is different than the one in the county - outside the city limits.

"This is confusing to emergency responders," said Webb. "We want our system to be such that a person not familiar with the county can find any given residence at any time."

The road, Co. Rd. 709, now runs from 708 across AL Hwy. 167 to AL Hwy. 134. Webb suggested that 707 of a mile of 709 east from AL Hwy. 167 be renumbered as 746.

The renumbering will cause an address change to seven county residences and one business. A one year grace period will be given to those residents allowing them to make the proper notifications of their address change.

During the discussion, Commissioner Dalrymple, in whose district the affected residents live, expressed his concern of yet another address change for his constituents. "The residents of the area are tired of address changes," he said.

Webb's response to the commissioner's concern was, "The alternative is to leave it alone and hope that nothing happens."

After discussing the matter with both the county and city engineers, mayor, and postal officials, this was the plan we thought was the best," said Webb. "I'm open to suggestions from the commission."

County Engineer Randy Tindell agreed that Webb's proposal was probably the best solution to the problem. He also told commissioners that he is in the process of printing a new up-dated map of the county (due to be printed the first

against the purchase of the van; however, he did have some concern as to how the matter had been handled."

**Comm. Dalrymple**

"I don't like the way this has been handled. It hadn't been brought up in a work session or in a meeting," he said. "I'm opposed to it being handled that way. That's not the way the county's money is to be handled."

Chairman Lewis commented that this was not the first time something of this nature has been handled in this manner.

Dalrymple's response was that he had never purchased anything and then brought it before the commission to be paid for.

Commissioner Tom Grimsley expressed his concerns about how the van matter had been handled and also noted that this expense was not included in this year's budget.

Presently, the road passes in and out of the City of Enterprise city limits, which in turn creates confusion in addresses of residences located along the road. The



Pictured above "inspecting" the progress being made on the renovation are (l-r): Commission Chairman Kayo Lewis, Rep. Terry Spicer, Center Director Mildred Ziglar, and her husband, Shellee Ziglar.

## New Hope Senior Center renovation

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

There are several senior citizens in the New Hope Community, about 150, anxiously awaiting the arrival of the new millennium.

The New Hope Senior Citizens' Center, formerly the old cafeteria building at the old New Hope Junior High School, is undergoing a major "face lift."

For the past eleven years, the facility has served as a gathering place for the community's senior citizens. Here, they were served hot meals, enjoyed fellowship with one another, exercised, played games, and just plain "hung out" together.

With the help of a \$184,000 grant from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs, the building is being completely

renovated by Russell Construction. The completion date has been set at February 1, 2000.

The building has been "gutted" and will be repartitioned and remodeled to better utilize the space of the old building which was basically in "pretty good" shape. It

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## Elba City Council hears levee report

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council held two council meetings Monday evening, hoping to clear out all city business before the Christmas holidays.

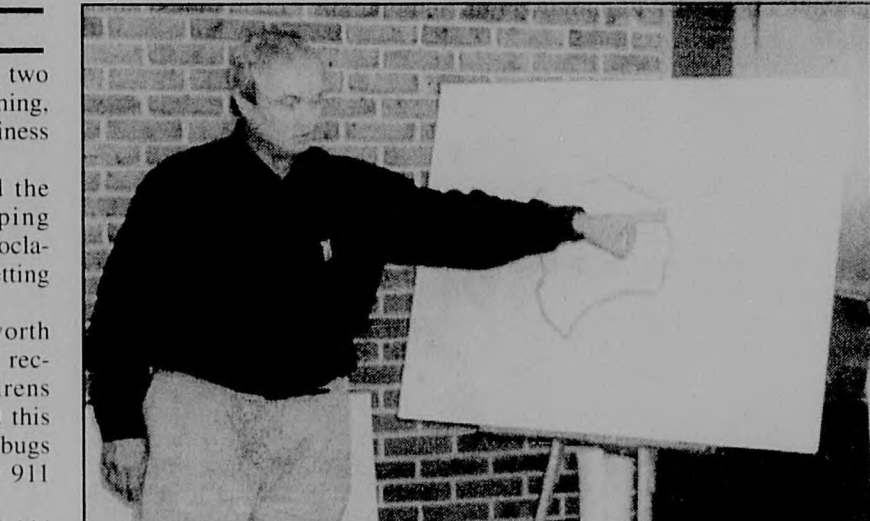
The first meeting covered the routine monthly housekeeping chores: paying bills, signing proclamations, accepting bids and getting updates of ongoing projects.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth reported that two of the three recommended storm warning sirens are on line and will be tested this week. He also noted that the bugs have been worked out of the 911 system and it is working fine.

The council accepted the high bid of \$8,500 for the FEMA buy-out house at 758 Williams Street. Winning bidder was Donald Hussey.

The employee personnel manual was amended to restructure the employee review board. It removes the mayor and mayor pro-tem from the pool of members and adds four citizens. Those named to the enlarged pool are: Mary McMillian, Eddie Kelley, Dick Chaney and Mickey Murdock. Others who also are available to serve on this review board are: the chief of police, W & E chairman and the councilman of the employees' choice.

The council approved a resolution authorizing the mayor and city clerk to negotiate with the U. S. Post Office on locating and con-



Corp Engineer Mike McKown uses a graphic to explain to members of the Elba City Council the plans for the levee.

structing a new postal facility in Elba.

At the recommendation of Mayor James Grimes, the council authorized the spending of \$5,000 for a study on the cost and feasibility of a city owned cable TV system. Elba will be considering a fiber optic cable system connected to the City

of Opp system. This would also allow super fast communication connections for local businesses transferring large amounts of high quality information. There are presently 10.5 miles separating the

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## Two Covington County men and one juvenile arrested in shooting incident

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Sheriff's Department and Kinston Police have arrested two Covington County residents on charges of discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling and one charge of discharging a firearm into an unoccupied dwelling. Charges are pending on a third individual - a juvenile.

Jason Dewayne Cain, 18, of 803 Douglas Avenue, Opp, is charged with three counts of discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling, one count of discharging a firearm into an unoccupied dwelling, one count of discharging a firearm into an unoccupied dwelling, one count of criminal mischief in the third degree. He is being held in the Coffee County Jail with a bond set at a total of \$71,000.00.

Stanley Colvin, also known as Buster Colvin, 19, of West Cummings Avenue, Opp, is being held on three counts of discharging a firearm into an occupied dwelling and one count of discharging a firearm into an unoccupied dwelling. He is also being held in

the Coffee County Jail under a total bond of \$70,000.00.

According to a press release from the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, the offenses occurred between 1:00 a.m. and 1:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 23, 1999. The three occupied dwellings involved in the incident were located on Co. Rd. 460 in the Holley Street Community, and the unoccupied dwelling was located in the town of Kinston.

The criminal mischief charge came as a result of the caution light at the intersection of County Roads 473 and 474 being shot out during the same incident.

Authorities have determined that a .22 caliber rifle and a 12 gauge shotgun were the weapons used in the incidents; however, neither weapon has been found. No injuries occurred during the shooting.

Sheriff Ben Moates stated that he did not anticipate any more arrests in connection to the shooting incidents.

## Rep. Terry Spicer appointed to AWIB

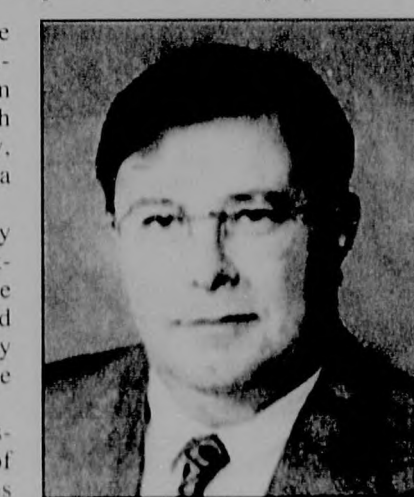
On Dec. 2, 1999, Representative Terry Spicer, Coffee County District 91, received notification from the Speaker of the House, Seth Hammett, Covington County, appointing him to the Alabama Workforce Investment Board.

Rep. Spicer received one of only two appointments named by Speaker Hammett. His appointment to the Workforce Investment Board (WIB) was effective immediately upon receiving the letter from the Speaker.

The Workforce Investment System is the method of delivery of employment and training services at the state and local levels to individuals who need those services, including job seekers, dislocated workers, youth, new entrants to the workforce, and employers, under the Workforce Investment Act of 1998.

To receive federal funding for these services, a state's governor is required to establish a state workforce investment board to designate local workforce investment areas; and to oversee the creation of local workforce investment boards covering the state and one-stop delivery systems.

The Workforce Investment Act includes four titles: Title I is Adult, Youth, and Dislocated Worker Programs, Title II is Adult Education, Title III is Employment Service,



Rep. Terry Spicer

and Title IV is Rehabilitation Services. The functions of the Workforce Investment Act Board are to assist the Governor with a state plan, statewide activities, provide comments on vocational education activities, designate local workforce areas, develop optional allocation formulas for youth and adult funds, prepare annual reports, develop a state employment statistics system, and develop application, if desired, for national incentive grant to the state.

The Workforce Investment Act requires that states establish a one-stop system that makes core services available, as well as providing access to intensive and training services at not less than one physical center in each local area of the state.

Mandatory one-stop partners include: Adult, Youth, Dislocated Worker, Employment Service, adult education and literacy, vocational rehabilitation, Welfare-to-Work, Older Americans Act I, post secondary vocational education, trade adjustment assistance, veterans employment services, Community Services Block Grant, House & Urban Development, and unemployment compensation.

Voluntary one-stop partners include: welfare reform, food stamp employment and training, food

stamp workforce, national and community service and others.

Examples of Workforce Investment activities will include: rapid response to plant closures and mass layoffs, distributing lists of eligible training providers, conducting evaluations, providing incentive grants to local areas, helping establish one-stop systems, operating a fiscal and management accountability information system, and assistance for areas with high concentrations of eligible youth.

"I am very honored to receive this appointment from Speaker Hammett," said Rep. Spicer. "The WIB should play a critical role in the state's effort to recruit new business and industry. The one-stop concept is something that we have needed in the state for some time. Having one-stop centers should make it easier and more convenient to provide needed resources to our people. In addition, this concept should provide a more efficient means of distributing services throughout the state."

## Area Happenings

**NEWS YEARS EVE CELEBRATION.** The Elba Chamber of Commerce will host a New Year's Eve dinner party on Friday, December 31, 1999, at Aunt B's Bed & Breakfast beginning at 7:00 p.m. Prime Rib with all the trimmings will be served and each guest will be given a souvenir glass. Space is limited. Call the Chamber office today at 897-3125 to make reservations. The cost is \$25 per person.

**COUNTDOWN AT THE COURTHOUSE.** The Elba Chamber of Commerce will sponsor "Countdown at the Courthouse" on Friday, December 31, 1999, as plans have been made to ring out the old year and ring in the new millennium with a big celebration. The event is scheduled to begin at 9:00 p.m. on the courthouse square in downtown Elba. There will be dancing, singing and lots more entertainment. Other activities will include buggy rides, face painting, pictures of you and your family in front of the historic courthouse dated on the last day of the century. Concession, some of which will be served in souvenir cups, will also be available. At the stroke of midnight a lighted ball will drop from the top of the courthouse highlighted by a fireworks display and the release of hundreds of balloons. Make your plans now to be in downtown Elba for this historic event.

## NOTICE

The holiday schedule for the City of Elba offices will be as follows: **Closed - Friday, December 24, 1999, Monday, December 27, 1999, and Monday, January 3, 2000.** Standby crews will be on call for emergencies with water, electric, street or sewer. Call the Elba Police Department @ 897-2555 to report any emergency. The garbage pickup schedule will not change.

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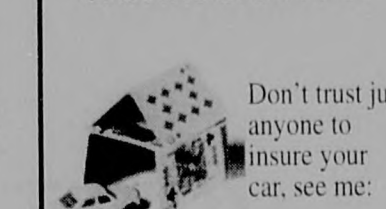
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